

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S10499–S10531**

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1796–1799, and S. Res. 314. **Page S10520**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1796, to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending. (S. Rept. No. 111–89) **Page S10520**

**Measures Passed:**

**Public Health Service Act:** Senate passed S. 1793, to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10524–30**

Brown (for Harkin/Enzi) Amendment No. 2692, to make certain technical and conforming changes. **Page S10525**

**Girl Scouts Centennial Commemorative Coin Act:** Senate passed H.R. 621, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10530**

**National Character Counts Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 314, designating the week beginning October 18, 2009, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Pages S10530–31**

**Medicare Physicians Fairness Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1776, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula, occur at a time to be determined with the concurrence of the two Leaders. **Pages S10517–18**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached pro-

viding that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with debate on the conference report limited to three hours and 15 minutes, with the time divided as follows: 1 hour under the control of the Majority Leader, or his designee; and two hours and 15 minutes under the control of the Republican Leader, or his designee; that if any points of order are raised, any votes on the motions to waive occur upon the use or yielding back of time identified above; provided further, that upon disposition of the points of order, and if the motions to waive are successful, Senate then vote immediately on adoption of the conference report, with two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled, prior to any sequence of votes with respect to the conference report. **Page S10518**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the emergency declared pertaining significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2009, as received during adjournment of the Senate on October 16, 2009; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–33) **Page S10519**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to The Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2008 (HOPEII) (P.L. 110–246) that amended the Caribbean Basin Economy Recovery Act (CBERA) making certain additional products from Haiti eligible for preferential tariff treatment after October 18, 2009, as received during the adjournment of the Senate on October 16, 2009; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–34) **Page S10519**

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**Measures Referred:** **Page S10519**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S10519–20**